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REMARKS

By this Amendment the specification has been amended to alternatively describe passages 14a as gullies, claims 1-17 have been canceled, claim 18 has been corrected with respect to a typographical error, and claim 28 has been amended to refer to respective gullies between the inflatable bellows and the top face of the mask. It is believed that the amendment to claim 28 suffices to place this claim in an immediately allowable state.

The undersigned thanks the examiner for the telephone conference of May 5, 2009. During this conference the examiner indicated that claims 18-26 were allowable, and that the product claims would be favorably reevaluated if amended to refer to gullies 4a.

By this Amendment claim 28 has been so amended. Neither Brain '956, Brain '790 or Cooke would suggest this feature.

An allowance of this application is requested.

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